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2. (AMENDED) The fixation device according to claim 20 wherein the light source is an LED.

3. (AMENDED) The fixation device according to claim 20 wherein the electrical circuit includes an electrical switch for turning the light source on.

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4. (AMENDED) The fixation device according to claim 20 wherein the electrical circuit includes at least one battery for providing DC power to the light source.

5. (AMENDED) The fixation device according to claim 20 wherein the eye shield is made of a material selected from the group consisting of plastic and paper.

6. (AMENDED) The fixation device according to claim 20 wherein said rim portion has a tear-drop shape.

7. (AMENDED) The fixation device according to claim 20 wherein at least said eye shield of the fixation device is a disposable unit.

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10. (AMENDED) The fixation device according to claim 21 wherein the eye shield is made of a material selected from the group consisting of plastic and paper.

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11. (AMENDED) The fixation device according to claim 21 wherein said rim has a tear-drop shape.

A2 12. (AMENDED) The fixation device according to claim 21 wherein at least said eye shield of the fixation device is a disposable unit.

Please cancel Claims 1, 8-9 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following new claims.

Sub B1 20. (NEW) A fixation device for directing an eye of a patient during a surgical procedure, said fixation device comprising:

an eye shield including a rim portion and a relieved portion, said rim portion secured to a patient's face so that said relieved portion covers an eye of a patient;

AB a light source mounted on said eye shield; and

an electrical circuit coupled to said light source for operating said light source in an illuminated state;

wherein said light source focuses said eye at said light source when in said illuminated state during a surgical procedure.

21. (NEW) A fixation device for directing an eye of a patient during a surgical procedure, said fixation device comprising:

an eye shield including a dome and a rim extending from said dome, said rim secured to a patient's face so that said dome covers an eye of the patient;

an light source mounted on said eye shield; and

an electrical circuit including a battery and a switch electrically coupled to said light source, said switch being activated to provide battery power to said light source to illuminate the light source and focus said eye at said light source during a surgical procedure.

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22. (NEW) The fixation device of claim 21 wherein said rim comprises a substantially planar portion extending laterally from said dome.

23. (NEW) The fixation device of claim 21 wherein said dome is a segment of a sphere.

24. (NEW) The fixation device of claim 21 wherein said dome has a inside surface and said light source is mounted on said inside surface.

25. (NEW) The fixation device of claim 21 wherein said light source is a light emitting diode.

26. (NEW) The fixation device of claim 21 wherein said electrical circuit is mounted on said eye shield.

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27. (NEW) The method according to claim 14 further comprising the step of performing a cataracts procedure on a conjugate eye.

REMARKS

Claims 2-7 and 10-27 are now pending in the application. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 7, 8, 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant has amended claims 7 and 12 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the structure intended to be disposable. Specifically, Applicant has amended the claims to recite that at least the eye shield is a disposable unit.

Applicant has cancelled claims 8 and 13 without prejudice to subject matter sought. In this regard, Applicant has added new claim 27 specifically claiming the method in use with a cataracts procedure.